

As White House Renews Immigration Reform Push, Congressman Spotlights Toll of Deportations on Families

(Washington, DC) – Rep. Luis V. Gutierrez (D-IL-4) of Chicago continues his national 20-plus city tour to spotlight the toll that almost 400,000 deportations are taking on American children and families annually with an event this Sunday at St. Adalbert Catholic Church in South Bend, Indiana. Local families and individuals facing deportation and DREAM Act students who would have been eligible for legalization had the bill, co-sponsored by Sen. Richard Lugar (R-IN) and Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL), passed the Senate in 2010 (having previously passed in the U.S. House).

In recent weeks, pressure on the Obama Administration to act on immigration has increased. The Congressional Hispanic Caucus, of which Rep. Gutierrez is the Immigration Taskforce Chair, met with the President Tuesday (5/3) to suggest specific administrative actions he can take to prevent the deportation of certain immigrants who have deep roots in the United States. Two-dozen U.S. Senators asked the President to halt the deportation of students eligible for the DREAM Act, the State of Illinois this week pulled out of a controversial federal deportation program, and the President is slated to deliver a major address on immigration in El Paso, Texas next Tuesday (5/10).

Congressman Gutierrez' Campaign for American Children and Families tour, which has held packed events in 17 cities since it was launched on March 31, continues throughout May and into June.

WHAT: Public meeting with Rep. Luis V. Gutierrez Testimony by local DREAM Act students and individuals and families facing deportation

Q+A

WHEN: Sunday, May 8, 2011; 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: St. Adalbert Catholic Church | 519 South Olive | South Bend, Indiana

HOST: Civil Rights and Immigrants Taskforce, Transforming Action Through Power (TAP)

MEDIA AVAILABILITY: Immediately following the event with Congressman Gutierrez

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SELECTED TV CLIPS

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- Fox Business Network, *Lou Dobbs Tonight* (May 4): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2-G4GnYCe4w>
- Univision (Network) *Despierta America* (May 4): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YaD760DGkxg>
- KSTS-TV San Francisco Bay Area (Telemundo) (Apr 28): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LArh9XEhGzI>
- KGO-TV San Francisco (ABC) (Apr 27): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FmykbjQWFS0>
- KNTV-TV San Francisco Bay Area (NBC) (Apr 27): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n8RALJpj5aQ>
- Univision (Network) *Despierta America* (morning show) (Apr 27): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7uv2OH7ygo>
- KSTS-TV San Francisco Bay Area (Telemundo) (Apr 27): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D89zi-vGUs4>
- WBTV-TV Charlotte (CBS) (Apr 20): "Immigration Issue to Spark Debate in Charlotte Tonight" <http://bit.ly/hAJaby>
- Fox News Channel (Network) (Apr 19): "Gutierrez: The President Needs to Demonstrate Action on Immigration" <http://bit.ly/fp8iXt>
- MSNBC/Andrea Mitchell Reports (Network) (April 19): "Rep. Gutierrez on 20-City Tour To Pressure WH on Immigration" <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kLmDTA36QjM>

SELECTED PRESS CLIPS

- **Oakland** (Apr 28): *San Jose Mercury News/Oakland Tribune/Contra Costa Times* (Apr 29) - "Latino congressman says Obama administration has failed on immigration" http://www.mercurynews.com/ci_17955029?nclick_check=1

- **San Francisco** (Apr 27): Bay City Newswire (Apr 27) - "Officials Call On Obama To Fix 'dysfunctional and unfair immigration system' From Steps Of SF City Hall"
<http://bit.ly/mFDsH9>
- **San Jose** (Apr 26): *San Jose Mercury News* (Apr 23) - "Pushing Obama to keep promises"
http://www.mercurynews.com/bay-area-news/ci_17916025
- **Redwood City** (Apr 26): *El Mensajero* (Apr 28) " Gutiérrez le pide acción a Obama" <http://bit.ly/kjm4n7>
- **Phoenix, Arizona** (Apr 23): *Phoenix New Times* - "Luis Gutierrez, Others Blast Barack Obama at April 23 Anti-SB 1070 March" (Apr 25):
http://blogs.phoenixnewtimes.com/bastard/2011/04/luis_gutierrez_for_president_a.php
- **Charlotte, North Carolina** (Apr 20): *Charlotte Observer* - "'Moses of the Latinos' calls out for change" (Apr 21): <http://bit.ly/ituPx6>
- **Detroit, Michigan** (Apr 18): *Detroit News* (Apr 19) - "Crowd Calls For Reforms at ICE: <http://www.detnews.com/article/20110419/METRO/104190365/1409/metro/Crowd-calls-for-reforms-at-ICE>
- **Milwaukee, Wisconsin** (Apr 17): Wisconsin Public Radio - "Congressman calls on White House to ease up on deportations" (Apr 22): <http://ashlandcurrent.com/article/11/04/22/state-headlines-wisconsin-public-radio-april-22>
- **Chicago, Illinois** (Apr 16): Associated Press (Apr 16) - "Gutierrez: Support for Obama depends on reform" <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/sns-ap-i--immigration-gutierrez,0,1296327.story>
- **Houston/Austin/Dallas** (Apr 9-10): *Al Día* (Dallas/Ft. Worth) - "Piden poner fin a deportaciones" (Apr 13): <http://bit.ly/fnPPlo>
- **Boston, Massachusetts** (Apr 4): *Boston Globe* - "Call for change stirs East Boston immigrants" (Apr 4): <http://bo.st/iiSdUX>
- **Providence, Rhode Island** (Apr 3): *Providence Journal* - "Ill. congressman visits Providence to talk about immigration policy" (Apr 3): <http://bit.ly/f4Gv7A>
- **National Tour Launch** (Mar 31): Associated Press - "Families urge Obama to end deportations" (Apr 1): <http://fxn.ws/dWouuU>
- **Previous Press Releases:** http://www.gutierrez.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=639&Itemid=71

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